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A BOLD FALSEHOOD.

In the "yellow" columns of the once reputable Advertiser appears the following paragraph which is intended to cast a slur on the people who received Prince David upon his return from a tour around the Island of Oahu during the recent campaign:

It was on the occasion of the luau at Anahau to celebrate the return of Prince David from his political tour of the Island, undertaken about six weeks ago. On that occasion, and while slightly under the influence of liquor, Bennett attempted to make a speech in favor of the principles of Democracy. The assembled crowd, composed for the most part of irresponsible persons inflamed with drink, would not grant him a hearing, however, and he was loudly jeered at.

That the man Bennett was drunk is an indisputable fact, and that he had no business on the premises of Prince David became very evident when he was requested to retire. There were no persons on that political occasion under the influence of liquor, a fact which the "yellow" journal could easily have secured by referring to its own reporter who, by courtesy in that instance, was a tolerated guest. The constant vilifications of the Hawaiians in the Advertiser will simply serve to widen the chasm between the family compact and the voters. That the family compact will go under in the fight goes without saying, but if the missionary party insists in committing political suicide it is of course at liberty to do so. But after the "missionaries" have buried for good and for ever we hope they will not do the baby spook act and cry for succor in Washington against the people they have wantonly insulted and ridiculed. If the Dole clique hopes to have any influence in the coming Legislature it should appoint a press censor and provide him with a muzzle to be used on the indiscreet bunglers who are politically ruining not alone the local Republican party but the best interests of the country.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

THE INDEPENDENT is in a position to state that the Advertiser's attacks upon Mr. C. O. Ziegenfuss are merely malicious and in the main untrue. In course of time the Advertiser will probably be called upon to prove its statements.

Annexation and Americanism has induced "yellow" Journalism in newspapers which were hitherto regarded as respectable. Competition for salacious matter as "news" is rife. Sooner or later the community of the staid and respectable families who have built up the country will be tired of this nauseous work. Shades of the memory of Whitney, Black, Auld, Gibson and Creighton and others who once controlled the Advertiser, for instance, and made it an honor to the Islands, how do they feel at the efforts of their Journal to become sensational and what does Central

Union Church think about it? The Republican was established on a different basis, and pronouncedly modern, but has been even a worse offender than the formerly puritanical organ. Two people have died at Waikiki under explainable circumstances but have left no traces behind them except so far as the imagination of the police and "story" reporters are concerned. Let the matter drop for the sake of the family decency.

Captain Harry Houdlette is popular and punctual and the non arrival of the Sierra at his usual hour is probably due to the steamer being delayed at San Francisco by the non arrival of the Eastern and European contract mails. The opponents to this revolutionary line claim that possibly they cannot do what is expected of them but results will justify facts.

The authorities are certainly challenging a kind providence. On the mauka side of King street opposite Kawaiahao church the road is being broken up and the steam roller takes a rest during the night. At the same time the sidewalk along the Kawaiahao church yard has been broken up, and piles of heavy rocks placed in the street. No danger lights were exhibited last night and residents of the vicinity risked their necks in reaching their homes. The electric lights were not burning and it is a wonder that no accident occurred. It is about time that we get a municipal government and elect men capable of attending to our public works. The present administration is worse than imbecile.

Breaking the Banks.

After a short illness William D. Hunt expired at his residence at Waikiki on Sunday morning. Deceased was a part Hawaiian and was born in 1831 at Ewa. His "class" has really passed away and we believe that the only part-Hawaiian left belonging to that generation is the Hon. J. A. Cummins. The late Mr. Hunt was an honest and true man, who commanded the respect of all who came in contact with him. The Kings who reigned during the many years "Bill" Hunt dwelt here extended their friendship to him, and he was especially a warm friend of Kamehameha V. and Lunalilo. Mr. Hunt leaves an adopted daughter, Miss Julia Hunt, and he was the uncle of Mrs. Caroline Bush, formerly Miss French, one of the most distinguished Hawaiian ladies now among us. The funeral took place on Sunday morning.

The California Saloon

To-morrow evening the California Saloon will throw open its doors to the public, and the genial proprietor, Mr. Henry C. Vida, will invite the public to enter his handsomely furnished saloon, which is located in the old premises belonging to the Robinson estate and known to the kamaoia as the Mossman block, corner of King and Nuuanu streets.

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Has Gone to Manila.

Mr. C. O. Ziegenfuss, for several months past city editor of The Republican, left for Manila Saturday on the transport Aztec. Mr. Ziegenfuss expects to remain in the Philippines permanently if he finds conditions to his liking and readers of this paper may expect some interesting articles on conditions there from his versatile pen.—Republican.

A Curious Character.

Yesterday James Bennett a well known character in town died at the Victoria Hospital. The deceased was about 61 years of age and was one of the typical characters who in the easy life of Honolulu now turns up as a common drunk, then as a daring smuggler of opium and then as a well informed, educated man. He was originally a printer and we have reason to believe the truth of his statement that he was a brother to the father of James Gordon Bennett, the celebrated owner of the New York Herald. When in liquor Bennett rarely mentioned his relationship to the famous commodore. When perfectly sober he was as a rule reticent, but the writer was a fellow prisoner with him in Oahu Jail he spoke in a way which carried with it the conviction that the man told the truth, and subsequent investigations at Washington have not shaken that belief. "Boss Ben," the name by which he was known here admitted always that he was the black sheep in his family, but he always claimed that he was swindled and robbed by his brother and by his nephew, the world-known newspaper man and millionaire. Who can tell? Sometimes facts are stranger than fiction, and to day perhaps the uncle of the Herald man lies in a pauper's grave in Honolulu.

The Air Gun.

The muchly coveted toy known as the air gun should be prohibited. Mrs. Heine a lady living on King street was accidentally shot by a man testing one of those miserable toys. That she didn't lose her sight was a miracle. As it was Dr. Herbert was summoned and he extracted the leaden pellet which had penetrated the tissues over the left eye and being stopped only by the bone from entering her brain.

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Laupahoehoe, N. Hilo, Hawaii,
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